Release of Criminals from Tihar Jail

[*English*]

2647. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to release criminals lodged in Tihar Jail;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of such criminals to be released;

(d) the number of prisoners that can be kept in Tihar Jail at a time; and

(e) whether prisoners lodged in Tihar Jail at present are over and above the capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). Delhi Administration have reported that no final decision has been taken in this regard.

(d) About 2000 prisoners.

(e) As on 31.12.1991, there were 7033 prisoners in Tihar Jail.

[*Translation*]

Backlog Reserved Posts

2649. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the backlog of reserved posts for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe candidates, category-wise as on December 31, 1991 in his Ministry;

(b) the progress made in filling up of these reserved posts during last three months; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to fill up the remaining reserved posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[*English*]

Report on 1984 Riots

2650. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received the Kusumlata Mittal-Kapoor report on the 1984 riots;

(b) if so, when;

(c) the details of officers against whom action was proposed in the report;

(d) whether these officers were given an opportunity to defend themselves; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Kapoor-Mittal Committee submitted the report to the Lt. Governor of Delhi on Ist March, 1990. The Ministry agreed with the views of the Delhi Administration that the recommendations of Ms. Kusumlata Mittal should be the proper basis for further action with regard to the role of police officials during the riots.

(c) Ms. Mittal recommended disciplinary action and other appropriate action against 72 officials.

(d) and (e). The Committee's work was essentially an administrative one enquiring into the acts of omission and commission on the part of the individual police officials and was not meant to act as a quasi-judicial